



UNESCO CHAIR ON AI LAW & SUSTAINABILITY JUNIOR ASEAN GUEST RESEARCH FELLOW PROGRAM



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Research at the Frontier of International Law

The **Centre for International Law (CIL)** at the National University of Singapore is Asia's leading centre dedicated to international law research, education, and capacity-building. Ranked among the world's premier law faculties, CIL brings together scholars from across disciplines to address the most pressing legal questions of our time.

The **UNESCO Chair on AI Law & Sustainability** – held by **Dr. Jon Truby** – positions CIL at the global forefront of AI governance, digital regulation, and sustainable development law, producing policy-relevant scholarship with direct impact on regional and international frameworks.



UNESCO UniTwin Network

Global collaboration on AI governance and sustainability law



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SDG Alignment

Advancing SDG 4 (Quality Education) & SDG 17 (Partnerships)

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

A Prestigious Opportunity for ASEAN's Brightest Legal Minds

The UNESCO Chair on AI Law & Sustainability at CIL NUS invites outstanding early-career legal scholars from across ASEAN to apply for this competitive, fully funded one-month in-residence fellowship. Fellows collaborate directly with the Chair's team on cutting-edge research at the intersection of **artificial intelligence, law, and sustainability**.

Fellows engage with leading scholars, contribute to ongoing research projects, attend curated seminars and workshops, and build lasting academic networks across the region and beyond – advancing UNESCO's commitment to inclusive, interdisciplinary knowledge-building and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (**SDG 4 & SDG 17**).

Programme Highlights

- Fully funded residency at CIL NUS, Singapore
- Mentorship by world-class legal scholars
- Access to CIL's research infrastructure
- Co-authorship on CIL publications
- Integration into ASEAN academic network

Who Should Apply?

✓ **Citizenship** – Mandatory

Must be a citizen of an ASEAN member state: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam or Timor Lester

✓ **Academic Qualification** – Any One Of

- Final-year LLM / Master of Laws student at a recognised ASEAN University
- Completed an LLM, Master of Laws, or PhD in law from a recognised ASEAN University
- Currently enrolled in a PhD programme in law or a related field in an ASEAN University

✓ **Field of Study**

Research interests or thesis topics in AI law, technology law, digital governance, AI ethics, environmental law and sustainability, or closely related interdisciplinary legal fields.

✓ **Academic Standing & Endorsement**

Strong academic record with research output (publications, conference papers, working papers, or moot experience). Proficiency in English. A letter of support from an academic supervisor or head of department is required.

Fully Funded – Everything Provided



Return Airfare

Economy return flights from your home country to Singapore, fully covered.



Accommodation

Full one-month accommodation in Singapore arranged and funded by CIL NUS.



Monthly Stipend

Living allowance covering daily and incidental expenses throughout the residency.



Research Access

Full access to CIL NUS library, legal databases, and world-class research infrastructure.



Dedicated Mentorship

Direct mentorship from Prof. Jon Truby and the CIL research team throughout your stay.



Co-Authorship

Collaboration and co-publication opportunities on CIL research papers and outputs.

✔ "This fellowship is fully funded by the Centre for International Law (CIL), NUS. **No financial contribution is required from fellows or their home institutions.**"

Your Month at CIL NUS



Week 1

Orientation & Induction – Meet the UNESCO Chair team, finalise your personalised research plan, and settle into Singapore life.

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Week 4

Output & Presentation – Prepare research outputs, deliver fellow presentations, and participate in the closing roundtable discussion.

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Weeks 2-3

Active Research – Deep collaboration, curated seminars and workshops, peer exchange, and engagement with the ASEAN Network Series.

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Post-Fellowship

Alumni Engagement – Co-publication opportunities, sustained ASEAN Series involvement, and lifelong membership in the CIL alumni network.

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The fellowship is structured to maximise research impact in a short, intensive period—from orientation through to publishable output and beyond.

What the Selection Committee Looks For



Research Relevance

Quality and alignment of your research interest with AI law, technology governance, digital regulation, or sustainability – and its potential to contribute to the Chair's ongoing agenda.



Academic Merit

Excellence in academic record, evidence of scholarly engagement, publications, conference contributions, working papers, or equivalent research outputs demonstrating intellectual rigour.



Regional Diversity

Priority is given to candidates from underrepresented ASEAN countries, women researchers, and first-generation scholars – reflecting UNESCO's commitment to inclusive knowledge-building.

Application Process

Applications are reviewed on a **rolling basis** – early submission is strongly encouraged. All materials must be submitted in English.

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Research Statement

Prepare a **500-word Research Statement** outlining your research interest and its alignment with the UNESCO Chair's agenda on AI law and sustainability and your preferred month for fellowship in 2026/2027.

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Academic CV & Outputs

Compile your **academic CV** along with a list of publications, working papers, conference contributions, or other research outputs (if any).

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Letter of Support

Obtain a **Letter of Support** from your academic supervisor or head of department at your home institution, confirming your standing and endorsing your application.

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Submit Your Application

Email your complete application package to **Aadil Huque** at aadil.huque@nus.edu.sg. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

 **Application Deadline:** Apply by **30th June 2026**. But early applications are strongly encouraged, as places are limited.

Open to All 11 ASEAN Member States

The programme welcomes outstanding legal scholars from across the ASEAN community, reflecting UNESCO's commitment to regional inclusivity and diversity of perspective.


 Brunei

 Cambodia

 Indonesia

 Laos

 Malaysia

 Myanmar

 Philippines

 Singapore

 Thailand

 Vietnam

 Timor-Leste




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CONTACT & APPLY

Apply Now – Shape the Future of AI Law in ASEAN

This is a rare, fully funded opportunity to conduct world-class research at one of Asia's leading institutions. Places are limited and applications are assessed on a rolling basis. Do not wait.

 Learn More

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 Applications & Enquiries

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